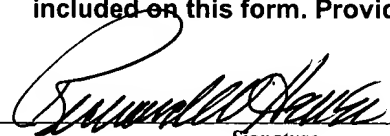
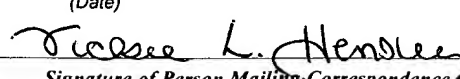


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>(Small Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>1375.1000</b>	
In Re: Application Of <b>Joan Phillips Waldron, et al.</b>					
Application No. <b>09/821,097</b>	Filing Date <b>03/29/2001</b>	Examiner <b>Chiang, Jack</b>	Customer No. <b>23649</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2642</b>	Confirmation No. <b>2224</b>
Invention: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A HEARING AID COUPLING SYSTEM</b>					
<b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u><b>08/23/2004</b></u> in the above-identified application. <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div>					
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Two months</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Three months</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Four months</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Five months</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><div>from: <u><b>11/23/2004</b></u> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div></div><div>until: <u><b>12/23/2004</b></u> <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Date</small></div></div></div>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27					
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$55</b> and is to be paid as follows:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.					
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.					
<input type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
<b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>					
 <div style="text-align: center;"><small>Signature</small></div>			Dated: <b>12/21/2004</b>		
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